

Program C: Motor Carrier Regulation

Program Authorization: R.S. 45:162-180; R.S. 45:1161 et seq.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Motor Carrier Registration Program is:

- to provide fair and impartial regulation of the intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire; and
- to be responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana interstate commerce.

The goals of the Motor Carrier Registration Program are:

1. Provide fair and equal treatment in the application and enforcement of motor carrier laws.
2. Administer the rules and orders of the Public Service Commission to assure the public of safe and dependable transportation services.
3. Protect the consumer and carriers against unjust, unreasonable, and discriminatory rates and charges.
4. Enhance consistency in interpretation, application, and enforcement of regulatory/administrative functions.
5. Ensure compliance with established tariffs and rates.
6. Provide more effective enforcement activities to improve carrier compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Motor Carrier Program (organizationally expressed as the Motor Carrier Division) includes the following activities: Administrative Section and Enforcement Section.

The Administrative Section processes the paperwork necessary for a company to engage legally in transportation services within and through the state. It receives, examines, and docket applications for operating rights, changes in rules or regulations, discontinuance or changes in service or facilities; processes other matters requiring a hearing; and interprets operating authorities and offers advice to those seeking to engage in transportation services. This section also is responsible for analyzing and reporting cases to the commission before and after hearings; preparing orders after a decision by the commission; serving orders and compliance; and offering specialized testimony before the commission or court. The section maintains records of liability and cargo insurance on interstate and intrastate common and contract-for-hire motor carriers and receives and processes complaints made by shippers, receivers, and carriers.

The Enforcement Section (which operates in the field, statewide) is concerned with compliance regarding the rates, services, and practices of motor carriers operating in, to, and through Louisiana in intrastate or interstate commerce. Enforcement officers work at highway weigh scales and conduct road checks along the highway. When violations are detected, a violation ticket is issued and an appearance bond is collected. The officer appears at hearings and gives sworn testimony regarding violations. Complaints received from carriers regarding possible violations by another carrier are handled by these officers.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2001-2002. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

1. (KEY) To provide timely service to the motor carrier industry by processing 100% of all registrations within 5 days of receipt of complete information.

Strategic Link: Strategic Objective: To "process all Single State Registration System (SSRS) registration applications within seven working days of receipt."

Explanatory Note: These registrations include both Single State Registration System and Intrastate applications. Last year this objective indicated that registrations would be processed within the day of receipt. The program now indicates that the objective was formulated in error and that up to five days are required.

L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1999-2000	ACT 11 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002
K	Percentage of all registrations processed within 5 days	Not applicable ¹	Not available	Not applicable ¹	Not available ¹	100%	100%
S	Number of registration applications received	Not applicable ¹	5,090	Not applicable ¹	5,100 ^{1,2}	5,100	5,100
S	Amount of registration collections	Not applicable ¹	\$4,837,226	Not applicable ¹	\$4,845,000 ^{1,3}	\$4,845,000	\$4,845,000

¹ This is a new performance for FY 2001-2002. It did not appear under Act 10 of 1999 or Act 11 of 2000 and has no performance standards for FY 1999-2000 and FY 2000-2001.

² The program anticipates receipt of approximately 5,100 applications during FY 2000-2001.

³ The program anticipates to collect approximately \$4,845,000 during FY 2000-2001.

2.(KEY) To maintain the rate of violation of motor carrier laws and regulations at 12% of vehicles inspected.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is related to Strategic Objective: *To perform a minimum of 45,000 vehicle inspections annually and issue violation notices to those not in compliance.*

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		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1999-2000	ACT 11 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002
K	Percentage of inspection that result in violations	13.0%	15.3%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%
K	Number of inspections performed	51,000	49,502	47,000	47,000	50,000	50,000
S	Amount of collections from violations	\$1,437,340	\$1,485,838	Not applicable ¹	Not available ²	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

¹ This indicator was not adopted as a standard in the year indicated.

² The program estimates that approximately \$1,490,000 will be collected from violations.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 1999 - 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	1,032,309	1,149,638	1,149,638	1,231,622	1,215,763	66,125
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$1,032,309	\$1,149,638	\$1,149,638	\$1,231,622	\$1,215,763	\$66,125
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$663,879	\$717,202	\$717,202	\$759,845	\$748,335	\$31,133
Other Compensation	7,174	12,200	12,200	12,200	12,200	0
Related Benefits	125,606	146,341	146,341	154,208	154,208	7,867
Total Operating Expenses	179,262	217,445	217,445	221,794	217,445	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	56,388	56,450	56,450	83,575	83,575	27,125
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$1,032,309	\$1,149,638	\$1,149,638	\$1,231,622	\$1,215,763	\$66,125
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	26	26	26	26	26	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	26	26	26	26	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers and contract carriers. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission for administering this program. (Per R.S. 39:32B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.)

	ACTUAL 1999 - 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund	\$1,032,309	\$1,149,638	\$1,149,638	\$1,231,622	\$1,215,763	\$66,125

ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$1,149,638	26	ACT 11 FIS CAL YEAR 2000-2001
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$1,149,638	26	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 15, 2000
\$0	\$35,832	0	Annualization of FY 2000-2001 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$14,678	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2001-2002
\$0	\$83,575	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$56,450)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$11,510)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$1,215,763	26	TOTAL RECOMMENDED

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 105.8% of the existing operating budget. It represents 97.7% of the total request (\$1,244,285) for this program. At the recommended level of funding, approximately the same level of services should be provided by this program.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2001-2002

OTHER CHARGES

This program does not have funding for Other Charges for Fiscal Year 2001-2002

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$57,000	Replacement of high mileage vehicles
\$26,575	Replacement of irreparable office equipment
\$83,575	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS